PATENT Customer No. 22,852 Attorney Docket No. 09612.1030-01000

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

| In re Application of: |) |
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| Robert H. Halstead, Jr. et al. |) Group Art Unit: 2191 |
| Application No.: 09/759,695 | Examiner: Ted T. Vo |
| Filed: January 12, 2001 |) Confirmation No.: 2643 |
| For: System and Method Supporting Mapping of Option Bindings |)) Mail Stop Amendment) |

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

In reply to the *Final Office Action* mailed May 5, 2006, the period for reply having been extended for three months to November 6, 2006 by a request for extension, a *Request for Continued Examination*, and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification are reflected in this paper, beginning on page 2.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper, beginning on page 3.

Remarks follow the amendment sections of this paper, beginning on page 9.